GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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SUPPLY OF GAS TO POWER AND FERTILISER CONSUMERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the joint owners of the offshore Panna/Mukta and Tapti oil and gas fields have cut gas supplies to the power and fertiliser consumers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to meet the demand of gas of the existing power and fertiliser consumers;

(d) whether the additional development plan for allocation of gas from Tapti gas fields has been finalised; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) : The Panna Mukta and Tapti Joint Venture is supplying the gas produced from the fields to GAIL (India) Limited.

However, in view of the deadlock between the joint venture and GAIL on the issue of price revision, Government have permitted the joint venture to make their own marketing arrangement for the gas w.e.f 1st April, 2005. The joint venture have been asked by the Government to give preference to power and fertiliser sectors in selling the gas.

(d) and (e) : The joint venture have submitted their development plan for approval by the Management Committee in accordance with the provisions of the PSC. The development plan has been approved by the Management Committee on the 15th March, 2005.